

# Homecoming tradition lives on

By Michele Hawkins  
Homecoming has brought many new activities to Howe. Some have already begun. Other activities will start soon.

Spirit week began last Monday. Graffiti walls are available for students use. Crazy Dress days are also a part of the planned curriculum.

Each class will be awarded points for its overall performance and spirit during the week. A spirit stick will be given to the class that has earned the most points.

A bonfire will be held tomorrow night on the outskirts of the football field near the student parking lot. The

band, cheerleaders, and drill team encourage the entire student body to attend.

A parade, featuring floats, is scheduled Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Floats representing the senior, junior, and sophomore classes and the German club have registered for the event.

The game against Shortridge will begin at about 7:30 p.m. The crowning of Homecoming queen is planned for halftime.

The traditional Homecoming dance will start immediately following the game. To be admitted in the gymnasium, students will be required to have their I.D. cards and one dollar. The

Homecoming king will be crowned at the dance.

For most of the student body it will be just another Homecoming. But, for some it means a lot of hard work and planning.

Behind the scenes is the Student Council Homecoming Committee. Homecoming chairman is Don Kleppe. In charge of spirit week is Elaine Calhoon, sophomore. Gary McPherson, junior, is in charge of the bonfire. Planning the parade is Jeff Hobush, junior. King and queen elections are run by Amy Alexander, junior, and Susie Covington, sophomore.



Nancy Napier (left) and Suzanne Covington make their contributions to the sophomore float. The float will make its debut on Homecoming night, Oct. 13. Photo by Jay Tobias.

Thomas Carr Howe High School

## Tower

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### Breakfast Club; 'We eat and enjoy'

By Kim Friedly

A student walks down the halls of Howe carrying an egg with a face drawn on it. He complains that he has to carry this egg everywhere he goes unless he gets an egg-sitter.

The egg birth certificate states this egg's name as John Lennon Zander. Parent's name—Mark Zander. Mark and 10 or 12 others like him became parents of an egg for a week as an example of the responsibilities of being a parent.

This egg adoption was part

of a program at Breakfast Club last week. Breakfast Club is held at 6 a.m. every Friday morning at Downey Avenue Christian Church.

Breakfast Club begins with donuts and conversation. Sometimes it's just games. Sometimes it's a serious discussion. However, it's always fun.

Breakfast Club is "a neat sort of fellowship. Everyone is so close and friendly. You feel as though everyone cares about you," said senior Jean Hilton.

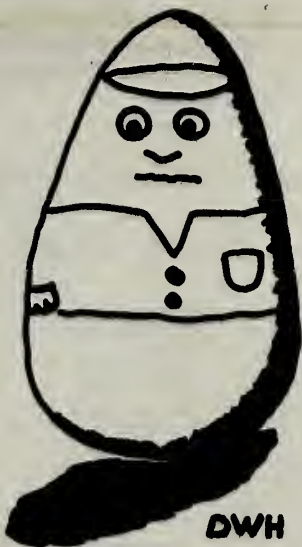
Although the group meets in a Disciples of Christ Church, it is not a Disciples sponsored group. Members attend Lutheran, Catholic, Presbyterian, Mormon, United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ Churches, to name a few, and some attend no church at all.

"It's kind of a religious meeting, but it's ecumenical. We get together to talk about things happening in life and don't try to press our beliefs or anyone else's on others," said adult sponsor Rick Reisinger.

Reisinger and co-sponsor Jennifer Riggs, feel that Breakfast Club is worth their getting up at 6 a.m.

Reisinger adds, "Breakfast Club is a good time for people to get together with their school friends outside of school to socialize and perhaps do some thinking and have some food for thought."

Dave Welch, senior, goes to Breakfast Club because "basically I've nothing better to do at 6 a.m. on Friday mornings!"



### News briefs

Juniors interested in taking the Student Achievement Test (SAT) should see Deanna Byrd, Room 45, to receive application forms. Applications must be mailed before Feb. 23 in order to take the test in March.

Competing for the first time in the Lebanon High School contest, the band performed in the rain.

Howe's Band placed ninth out of eighteen in the Central

The SAT test is designed to test the ability a student has to function in college. Most colleges require test results for entrance.

An information booklet is available in Room 45 from Mrs. Byrd.

Indiana Marching Band Festival Sept. 30.

The band is making plans for the remaining home football games and the Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade.

### Students select king, queen

By Mindy Bemis

The student body elected 16 Homecoming King and Queen candidates, Thursday, Sept. 28.

The candidates are: freshmen, Brenda McNelly, Beth McLeod, Curtis Covington, and Jeff King; sophomores, Bill Alexander Mike Vittorio, and Stacy Koser, and Kim Sheets; juniors, Kenny Kirkman, Gary McPherson, Debbie Bridgeforth, and Sandra Mackey; seniors, Randy Boud, Phil McKay, Rhonda

Hooks, and Beverly Young.

According to Amy Alexander, student council representative in charge of elections, the choosing of candidates is really a simple process. Students voted on the nominees in lunch halls.

The voting for queen and king takes place in lunch halls also. The boy and girl with the most votes will be the queen and king of the 1978 Homecoming.

The winners will be an-

nounced Friday, Oct. 13 at the Homecoming game. The queen will be announced at half-time. The king will be announced at the sock-hop immediately following the game.

Freshman Brenda McNelly describes it as "unbelievable!" "I thought my chances were zero for being chosen as a candidate," she said.

Rhonda Hooks, senior, said, "I feel very lucky and happy to have friends that want to back me in this."



# Howe's band promotes spirit

Spirit is a big word at Howe and one group is showing a great deal more of it than before. That group is Howe's Band.

The band has improved greatly under its new director, Hal Meurer. The sound is clean, rich, and louder than before. This is probably due to the two hour practice two nights a week since August.

Along with the nicer tone, the Howe Band has increased in size. It now has approx. 69 members not including the Hornet Honeys.

Hornet Honeys are now a part of the band along with the flag corps. This creates a feeling of unity in the band which shows up during their halftime performances at football games.

A Pep Band will perform during the basketball games with a halftime show featuring the Hornet Honeys. The band (regular) also performs at state contests. Recently, the band went to Lebanon and competed against 16 - 18 other bands comparable in size. Although it was pouring down rain when the band performed, Howe can be proud of it. They went right ahead and did their show despite weather conditions.

Not only is the band showing its enthusiasm in school functions, but hopefully it will get to show off in Vienna, Austria along with the choir this August. If they go, they will be an integral part and represent our school in the breaking in ceremonies of the third United Nations city.

It is a great honor and privilege for Howe Hornets to have their band willing to work to represent Howe spirit.

The band is certainly doing a nice job and should be commended for their efforts toward school spirit by playing at the football and basketball games along with Band contests. Great job, band!



## Guest Editorial

### McPherson: 'Respect Howe'

By Tim McPherson

It seems to me some Howe students aren't giving much thought to their actions. I'm referring, specifically, to the several acts of senseless vandalism that have taken place here at Howe over the last few weeks. And also to the equally senseless problems I see each day.

How can someone demand respect from the administrators of this school

while at the same time they are breaking windows, or bending fence poles, or breaking bottles in our parking lot? How can one take pride in our school when everyday he sees 500 guys and girls cut a corner to save

themselves maybe two seconds and tear up the grass until it is nothing but dirt? Why do people throw candy wrappers on the ground,

when there are 150 trash cans around here?

If you have ever done something like this, and we all have, ask yourself why?

Reason with facts; such as pollution, mud on your new shoes, and flat tires.

We have a really good school and it would only take a little effort to be great. Dare to be different, I challenge you. Please!

## Yes performs well for appreciative crowd

By Steve Zimmerman

Yes was in Market Square Arena the 25th and they put on a show that will not soon be forgotten. Not only did Yes play superbly, as usual, but the crowd behaved admirably, too. During the concert the audience was loudly appreciative, without being rowdy or uncontrollable.

With this tour, Yes has been trying something new. Instead of using rectangular stage set up, they set up on a revolving, circular stage. Guitarist Steve Howe, bass player, Chris Squire, drummer Alan White, and Rick Wakeman on the keyboard,

were all spread out on the perimeter of the stage. As the stage revolved, the audience got a good look at everybody in the band.

Yes is the kind of band that always puts on a good show. Their show is unique and the musicians' expertise does not allow glaring errors in concert, even on a bad night.

Yes played some new, unreleased material, sprinkled with some old favorites. Some of the songs were "Long Distance Run," "Siberian Khatra," "Starship Trooper", and Steve Howe's acoustic guitar solo "The Clap." Jim Anderson played

acoustic guitar through most of the concert and on one song, Steve Howe played a pedal steel guitar. It was well played and performed.

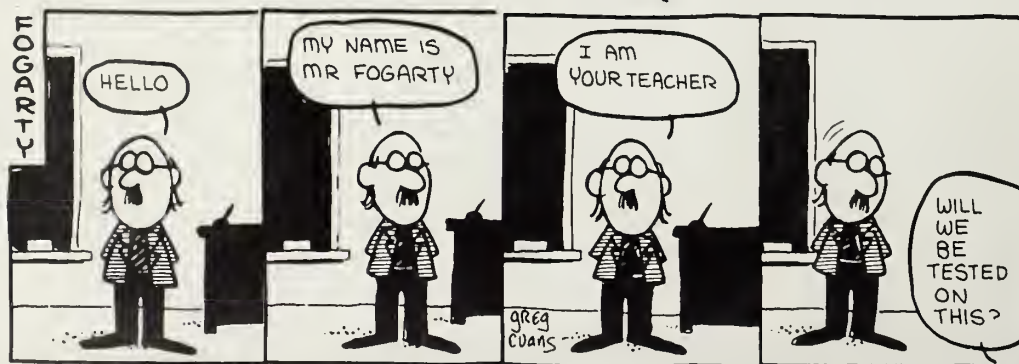
Putting seats on the floor of the arena was another thing different about this concert. When there are seats on the floor at a concert, the people up close to the stage aren't forced to stand, and they aren't crushed by the crowd. The fact that there were seats up close to the stage is the reason the concert was so untroubled. The people on the floor were content to sit

back and watch the show. They should make it standard practice to put seats on the floor. It may be more expensive but it almost eliminates rowdiness in the crowd.

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Freshman Jeff King paces himself in the Howe Invitational Cross Country meet, Sept. 26. King won with a time of 7:39. The team placed sixth out of sixteen schools. Victor Holloway is following close behind. Photo by Jay Tobias.

## Freshman King wins at Howe Invitational

Natural ability, hard work and determination, is what makes Jeff King one of the top freshman runners in the city.

King had his first real challenge at the Washington Invitational. In the freshman race, he went out hard, but soon began to fade back to fourth place.

However, with a half mile to go, King caught the leader and battled him all the way to the finish line. Despite a good kick, King was nudged out for first. He finished with a personal best, 7:51.

At the Howe Invitational, King put out his best effort of the year. Hoping to win in front of the home crowd, King went out hard and built up a thirty yard lead with a half mile remaining.

The race wasn't won yet. With about four hundred yards left another runner passed King. King then came up beside him and the two began to sprint toward the finish line. King came across first with a winning time of 7:39, one of the fastest times ever for a freshman runner.

## Hornets host Blue Devils

Football Homecoming '78 is the biggest event of the season.

Howe Hornets will host the Shortridge Blue Devils in what will probably be the most exciting game of the year, Friday, Oct. 13.

This is an especially important game to the senior football players because it is their last chance to beat a Homecoming opponent.

Since this will be a special game for the student body, a key factor in winning this

game will be strong student support.

The team's practices have consisted of a review of errors of the previous Friday game on Monday. The team concentrates on offense Tuesday, defense on Wednesday, and on Thursday the team reviews the kicking game.

Shortridge is to be noted for their strong defense. The Jenkins brothers, Marc and Calvin, are two of the Blue Devils defensive tackles.

They are both about 6 feet 7 inches and 270 pounds.

According to Coach David Stewart, Shortridge is fundamentally sound and has improved greatly. He said Howe has also improved greatly and has a lot of tough players. "Our players are always up for Homecoming," said Stewart.

Stewart also commented, "My prediction of the game is whatever team makes the fewest mistakes will win."

## Swim team competes; Frosh diver undefeated

By Nancy Janes

The Howe girls swim team had competed in four meets at Tower deadline. The swimmers overcame Eastern Hancock, but lost to Beech Grove, Franklin Central, and Pike.

According to Jody Hancock, swimming coach, Pike was the team's hardest meet.

This is the first year for the team to have consistent divers. Yani Simmons, freshman, is undefeated in diving competition. Jeannie Mackell, freshman, is also having a successful season.

"I believe the team is a little stronger this year than last year," stated Mrs. Hancock, "but I only wish more of the capable swimmers at Howe would participate."

The returning team members are Mindy Bemis, Kathy Coleman, team captain Eileen Dugan, Ann McConahay, Melanie McDermet, Robin Rippel, Hayley Sams, Alanna O'Conner, and Kim Handlon.

The team's new members are Anna Haboush, Cheryl Horsley, Sherri Jerrell, Jeannie Mackell, Susan Wall, and Yani Simmons.



Kebra Dixon, senior, returns a volley in the girls' volleyball match against Attucks, Sept. 28. Howe lost both games 9-13 and 15-17. Photo by Bill Leamon.

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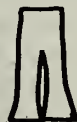
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Faculty Profile

# Biker Blase brightens 'Breaking Away'

By Susan Hildebrand

Howe High School may be the only school in Indianapolis with a staff member who doubles as an occasional actor. Not only does David Blase teach biology classes, he has been recently involved in the production of a new film from 20th Century Fox, "Breaking Away".

Both his teaching and his involvement in this film were born of his love for bicycle racing. Blase was infected with "racing fever" while attending Indiana University. A Zoology major at I.U., he initially had no plans for teaching. However, when he became involved with the "Little 500", an annual bicycle racing event at I.U., he began to search for a career which would mold to his lifestyle.

He wanted somehow to sandwich a stable job with bike racing and traveling, so he found teaching a reasonable solution. He went back

to school and completed the classes necessary to obtain his teaching license.

Teaching proved a good choice for Blase because it was flexible enough to fit his varied interests and past-times. He is pleased with his career choice in that "It's nice to feel like you're helping kids." Same as everyone else he sometimes finds himself asking the question "Why?". He said that problems with teaching include disciplinary conflicts and a lack of effort on the part of the students. He finds it difficult to conduct classes when disturbances occur frequently.

On the whole, the bike rider is pleased with his teaching and feels that it leaves room for him to adjust the job to suit his personality.

Blase met his wife, Yolande, while biking from Dusseldorf to Bingen Am Rhein in Germany. She was the daughter of a gentleman he met in a restaurant. After a

courtship of written correspondence, they were married. They now have two children: Kirsten, 4 years old, and Olaf, two years old.

In addition to his involvement in the "Little 500", he participated in numerous other races in the Midwest, East Coast, and Canada. His most active years in racing were 1959-70.

The movie "Breaking Away" is based upon his winning team in the "Little 500". The main character is based upon Blase himself. Although the character got his first name from Blase, legalities prevented using both his first and last names.

A tentative date for the movie's premiere is April 2, the weekend of the "Little 500" at Indiana University.

In the film, Blase plays two roles, a rival biker, and an announcer.

Don't be surprised if in the days to come, biker Blase can be seen signing autographs instead of hall passes.



David Blase, mixes his teaching and lifestyle in bike racing. Here he is racing down a hill at 75 m.p.h. in Quebec, 1968.



Michele Hawkins, sophomore, shows off her trophy after winning her race. She was the Indianapolis Soapbox Derby Champ this summer.

## Hawkins 'cleans up' in derby

By Tawn Parent

Most people think soap box racing is a boy's sport. However, it is increasing in popularity for girls. Michele Hawkins, sophomore, is evidence of that. She won the Indianapolis Soap Box Derby last summer.

Although the race was in late July; she had been working for nine months. The time was spent preparing for the big race. Her car was kept in her uncle's garage, where, with his help, she built it. In accordance with Derby regulations, her car was made of laminated wood and official

Derby wheels were used. Her car won the Best Construction Award.

After the Indy Derby it was on to Akron, Ohio for the International Finals. Champions came from several states and other countries. Contestants stayed at Camp Y-Noah, all expenses paid. Michele said it was a long week but plenty of fun was included.

When race day finally came, Michele started out well. She won the first heat, but was defeated later in the fastest heat of the day.

She said her parents' at-

titude was great. "They were all for it," she added. She heartily encourages girls to get involved.

Like two brothers before her, Michele has raced for five years. She has finished her last season since her upcoming sixteenth birthday will make her ineligible.

Though she will no longer compete, she plans to remain active in the Derby program. Attending rallies, judging heats, and speaking at meetings will round off her busy schedule.

"I will definitely miss racing," she stated.

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